Rostow's Role

Q.: Mr. President, could it be said as your new Special Assistant, Mr. Rostow, will take over all or many of the duties and assignments handled by McGeorge Bundy?

A.: It could be, but that would be inaccurate. It would not be true. Most of the men play any position here, we hope. Part of the work Mr. Bundy did we will say will now be done by Mr. (Robert W.) Komer. Some of the work Mr. Bundy did is now being done by Jack Valenti and Bill Moyers. There will be some of the things Mr. Valenti and Mr. Moyers formerly did that Mr. Kintner will do. He will be Special Assistant. He will be paid $30,000 a year. He will be at the service of the President, and if he needs to play first or second or third base, I hope he can do it. He is equipped to do it. I don't want him to play any position too long, because he gets too familiar with you, and familiarity breeds contempt.